

Dear City Council, City Staff, and Residents of Eagle Mountain,

It is with strong emotions that I deliver this news to you today. After much consideration and prayer, I have determined that I will not be seeking a second term as Mayor of Eagle Mountain. After several days of taking inventory of my faith, my family, and my career, I have arrived at this decision. I have not made this decision haphazardly, nor have I failed to consider the gravity of this decision and the impact it may have on City Staff and the residents of Eagle Mountain. For those reasons, I would like to share with you why I have made this decision, and what you can expect from me as I serve the remaining seven months of my term.

When I ran for mayor, I did so having first sought the Lord through much prayer. Running for mayor was for me, an act of the obedience to the Lord and an act of service to the residents of Eagle Mountain. It was not something I could have done, had it not been for the clear prompting of the Holy Spirit, and the Lord orchestrating circumstances and opening doors. At the time I ran, I had confidence that I was in the center of the Lord's will and that is exactly where I intend to remain.

Up until several days ago, my intention had been to run again as a part time mayor, and to look for a job leading up to the election to compensate for lost income. That decision to run was missing one critical element however, and that was the Lord. I had not committed the necessary time to pray through the decision and to seek counsel from the Holy Spirit. Having now spent several days doing just that, it is clear to me that I am called to return to the private sector and to invest my time and my efforts in my amazing wife and my two young daughters.

I have been so unbelievably blessed to have a wife who has supported me as I have given much of myself to serving the residents of Eagle Mountain (sometimes too much). As my wife and children know, there are times that this duty does not respect boundaries between personal life and civic responsibilities. Through all of that, they have supported me and stood by my side with grace, often sacrificing personal comfort in the process. I can't begin to express how much I love my wife and my children and how much I appreciate their sacrifices. In spite of my personal desire to continue serving as mayor, I cannot ask my family to make that sacrifice again as I would need to balance work, mayoral, church, and family responsibilities.

As I now look back at the last three and a half years, I cannot believe what we have accomplished together. From my perspective, this City is not the same City that I walked in to in January of 2014 and it is because of the super hero efforts of our City employees, the support of City Councils, and because of God's undeniable favor on this City. We have done some very heavy lifting in what I consider to be a very short period of time, and I believe that our City has prospered because of those accomplishments. I believe the groundwork has been laid for Eagle Mountain to continue to prosper as we work diligently over my seven remaining months, and as a new mayor is elected.

It is impossible for me to adequately communicate the depth of wisdom, experience, and professionalism I have come to know of our City staff. From department heads, to our front line employees, your efforts have been nothing less than awe inspiring. I want residents to know that this team of people is by far and away the most committed, invested, and talented group of

people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. It is because of this team of super stars that I have total confidence that I am able to conclude my tenure as mayor after serving the remaining seven months of my term. If it were not for our employees, I would feel very different about this decision.

In the coming seven months, I intend to keep my foot on the gas pedal and finish strong. There are still a few more things I hope to accomplish over the next seven months and I intend to turn the reigns over to a new administration with the City in excellent condition. Throughout the election season, I will work to communicate qualities that I believe will be needed in our next mayor if we are to continue leading the City on a positive path forward.

In closing, I want residents, council members and city staff to know that I have been blessed beyond measure to serve each of you to the absolute best of my ability. I tried to serve with integrity and in a manner that was above reproach. I hope it will be said of me that I did the right things, for the right reasons, no matter how difficult it may have been. I am exceedingly proud of what we have accomplished together, I am proud of this community, I am proud of the part that I was blessed enough to have played in our successes.

Sincerely,
Christopher Pengra